

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Amended) A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:
- a recess in the floor of the vehicle;
 - a cover mounted in the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to a storage space defined by the recess in an open position; and
 - at least one supporting member pivotably mounted to the cover for securing goods placed in the storage space.
2. (Original) The loading compartment according to Claim 1 wherein the at least one supporting member further comprises supporting flaps attached to the cover.
3. (Original) The loading compartment according to Claim 2 wherein the supporting flaps are spring-tensioned and fold in and bear against the cover when the cover is in the closed position and fold out and extend at about right-angles to the cover when the cover is in the open position.
4. (Original) The loading compartment according to Claim 1 wherein the cover is attached to a front edge of the recess in relation to the vehicle and at least one belt is attached between the cover and the floor, wherein the belt and the cover secure goods placed in the storage space.
5. (Previously Amended) The loading compartment according to claim 1, further comprising a second supporting member having fastening members attachable to the cover for suspension of goods.
6. (Original) The loading compartment according to Claim 5 further comprising an elastic cord disposed in the loading compartment, wherein the elastic cord is fastened to the fastening members thereby securing goods in the storage space.

7. (Original) The loading compartment according to Claim 1 further comprising a load-receiving element comprising load-receiving surfaces detachable disposed in the recess.

8. (Original) The loading compartment according to Claim 7 wherein the load-receiving element is shaped as a casing comprising a bottom surface and side surfaces.

9. (Currently Amended) A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

a recess in the floor of the vehicle;

a storage space defined by the recess;

a cover pivotally connected to the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to the storage space in an open position; and

a load-receiving element matched to the shape of the recess, the load-receiving element detachably disposed in the recess and providing load-receiving surfaces for securing goods placed on the load-receiving element; and

[at least one load-receiving belt is attached between the cover and the floor for securing goods in the recess.]

10. (Original) The loading compartment according to Claim 9 wherein the load-receiving element is shaped as a casing, with the load-receiving surfaces having a bottom surface and side surfaces.

11. (Original) The loading compartment according to Claim 9 comprising at least one supporting member attached to the cover for securing goods placed on the load-receiving element.

12. (Original) The loading compartment according to Claim 11 wherein at least one supporting member comprises a first supporting member further comprising supporting flaps pivotally mounted on the cover.

13. (Original) The loading compartment according to Claim 12 wherein the supporting flaps are spring-tensioned and fold in and bear against the cover when the cover is in a closed position and fold out and extend at about right angles to the cover when the cover is in an open position.

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14. (Currently Amended) The loading compartment according to Claim 9 wherein the cover is pivotally connected to a front edge of the recess in relation to the vehicle ~~and at least one load-receiving belt is attached between the cover and the floor for securing goods in the recess.~~

15. (Previously Amended) The loading compartment according to claim 11 wherein the at least one supporting member further comprises a second supporting member comprising fastening members attached to the cover for suspension of goods.

16. (Original) The loading compartment according to Claim 15 further comprising an elastic cord in the loading compartment, wherein the elastic cord is fastened to the fastening members thereby securing goods placed on the load-receiving element.

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17. (Previously added) A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

a recess in the floor of the vehicle;

a cover mounted in the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to a storage space defined by the recess in an open position; and

at least one supporting member attachable to the cover for securing goods placed in the storage space, the at least one supporting member having supporting flaps attached to the cover.

18. (Previously added) The loading compartment according to claim 17 wherein the supporting flaps are spring-tensioned and fold in and bear against the cover when the cover is in the closed position and fold out and extend at about right-angles to the cover when the cover is in the open position.

19. (Currently Amended) A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

a recess in the floor of the vehicle;

a cover mounted in the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing

access to a storage space defined by the recess in an open position; and

at least one supporting member attachable to the cover for securing goods placed in the storage space,

wherein the cover is attached to a front edge of the recess in relation to the vehicle and at least one belt is attached between the cover and the floor, and

wherein the belt and the cover secure goods placed in the storage space.

20. (Previously added) A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

a recess in the floor of the vehicle;

a cover mounted in the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to a storage space defined by the recess in an open position;

at least one supporting member attachable to the cover for securing goods placed in the storage space; and

a load-receiving element having load-receiving surfaces detachably disposed in the recess.

21. (Previously added) The loading compartment according to claim 20 wherein the load-receiving element is shaped as a casing having a bottom surface and side surfaces.

22. (Previously added) A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:
- a recess in the floor of the vehicle;
 - a storage space defined by the recess;
 - a cover pivotally connected to the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to the storage space in an open position;
 - a load-receiving element matched to the shape of the recess, the load-receiving element detachably disposed in the recess and providing load-receiving surfaces for securing goods placed on the load-receiving element; and
 - at least one supporting member attachable to the cover for securing goods placed on the load-receiving element.
23. (Previously added) The loading compartment according to claim 22 wherein the at least one supporting member further comprises a first supporting member having supporting flaps pivotally mounted on the cover.
24. (Previously added) The loading compartment according to claim 23 wherein the supporting flaps are spring-tensioned and able to fold in and bear against the cover when the cover is in a closed position, and able to fold out and extend at about right angles to the cover when the cover is in an open position.
25. (Previously added) The loading compartment according to claim 22 wherein the at least one supporting member further comprises a second supporting member having fastening members attachable to the cover for suspension of goods.
26. (Previously added) The loading compartment according to claim 25, further comprising an elastic cord in the loading compartment, wherein the elastic cord is fastened to the fastening members thereby securing goods placed on the load-receiving element.

27. (Previously added) A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

a recess in the floor of the vehicle;

a storage space defined by the recess;

a cover pivotally connected to the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to the storage space in an open position; and

a load-receiving element matched to the shape of the recess, the load-receiving element detachably disposed in the recess and providing load-receiving surfaces for securing goods placed on the load-receiving element,

wherein the cover is pivotally connected to a front edge of the recess in relation to the vehicle and (at least one load-receiving belt is attached between the cover and the floor for securing goods in the recess.)

28. (Previously added) A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

a recess in the floor of the vehicle;

a cover mounted in the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to a storage space defined by the recess in an open position, the cover further comprising an elastic member having two ends, wherein both ends are attached to the cover; and

at least one supporting member attached to the cover for securing goods placed in the storage space.

29. (Previously added) A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

a recess in the floor of the vehicle;

a cover mounted in the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to a storage space defined by the recess in an open position, the cover further comprising a net attached to the cover and in which goods can be placed; and

at least one supporting member attached to the cover for securing goods placed in the storage space.



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